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THE SHAME OF OUR LOCAL POLITICS.

Not the least shameful and disgusting charge made in the Cathcart discussion is that while the Advertiser has been working its force to find things against him, the police department has lent its aid by detailing specials to dog his footsteps and spies to watch his home. The police department is out of politics, of course; it is very short of funds and men, owing to the economy forced upon it by the supervisors, but it can spare men for this dirty sort of politics. It set disreputable trailors to follow and disreputable spies to sneak around the private home of a man whom it and its creator and sponsor, the Advertiser, oppose. This sort of thing is, of course, one more encouragement to the "best citizens" to go into politics. Another is the plan of the Civic Federation. For a couple of weeks past it has had committees secretly at work delving into the moral character and public records of all candidates, and nosing into whatever scandal could be found. All this in secret. No allowing unconscious citizens whose characters are being discussed, dissected and perhaps blackened, to hear or answer accusations, or to meet accusers. Setting spies upon political enemies and having secret committees take upon themselves to make secret ex parte investigations of the moral characters of candidates may be good ways of getting good government, but we do not think they are.

How many men are there in our excellent community who shine with such hallowed perfection that secret committees delving into their pasts might not find something or other not right? How many lawyers who have done any business can stand a scouring of their documents without risking discovery of documents that can be juggled into very damaging-looking charges? Above all, in all the world, how many prosecuting officers are there whom criminals like Adachi cannot be induced to accuse? A point is made of the fact that Adachi seemed to have entry to the office of Cathcart. Yet every lawyer knows that this sort of criminal is just the kind of man with whom prosecuting officers must deal to get evidence.

Hasn't the limit been reached when the Advertiser brings forth a convicted felon of a peculiarly low type as a witness,—the sole witness,—in a charge against the county attorney? And the sponsors for all this sort of stuff think they are doing it with a view of purifying politics and furthering good government!

KNOCK LANE AND ELECT ACHI.

Is the public to understand from the Civic Federation's statement that it can endorse no candidate for mayor, that it advises citizens not to vote for a mayor? Is it not rather a citizen's duty to choose one of the three candidates, even though no one of them is well qualified? There are differences, and they are on the whole in favor of Lane, though he is not such a representative man of affairs as should have been chosen. The Federation's action as far as it will have any effect, is in support of Achi and bears out The Star's statement of a week ago that Achi might get Federation endorsement. The vote which it affects is haole and Republican,—all for Lane. Every one of these votes lost to Lane adds to Achi's chances of election, or Fern's. None of the Achi or Fern vote is affected by the Civics. A member of the Federation recently estimated that it could swing a couple of hundred votes. If the result is close, it is therefore working for the election of Achi or Fern.

It was of course to be expected that Mr. Kinney would confirm so much of the Colburn story as was attributed to him. The fact remains, however, that he knows nothing but what Colburn told him and that as manager of the last campaign he turned the charge down, by not using it to defeat Cathcart and elect the Democratic candidate, which it was his duty to do if he believed in the charge and thought it could be substantiated.

Query, were the spies and detectives detailed by the police department to shadow Cathcart and spy upon his home, paid with public money? Let us hear if public money was spent by Iaukea in trying to help the Advertiser to do up his fellow official?

In the Civic Federation's report as published in the Sunday Advertiser, the name of Elia A. C. Long, endorsed for Representatives, was omitted. Most people who read the report thought the omission must have been, as it was, an inadvertence. Elia Long was of course endorsed without question and his record entitles him to election.

The Omaha dispatch in this issue describing Mr. Taft's visit to Nebraska comes in the form of a clipping from a Minneapolis paper inclosed in a letter from former Governor Carter to A. L. C. Atkinson. It shows a continued confidence in the Republican party held by the great farming class of the Middle West.

VOTE THIS TICKET.

If you are a Republican, don't fail to vote the following ticket for supervisors:

Wm. Ahia,
Wm. Aylett,
Andrew E. Cox,
Wm. A. Kane,
Daniel Logan,
James C. Quinn,
Norman Watkins.

CHURCHES IN POLITICS.

The active participation of Rev. Doremus Scudder, pastor of Central Union Church, in the local election campaign deserves comment. He and three associates, all members of his church, have in a published statement set themselves up as censors and judges of the candidates standing for election, and seek to promote the election of certain men and to defeat the election of others.

Suppose that Rev. H. H. Parker, pastor of Kawaiahao Church,

with a few of the members of his church should publish a list of the names of the candidates whom they approve; and Bishop Restarick, of the Episcopal Church, with some of his churchmen should publish their list, and the Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church with some of his people should publish theirs, each seeking to influence voters for or against such candidates as they respectively named, what a spectacle would be presented!

The fact that Dr. Scudder is a member of a committee of the Civic Federation has little bearing, for his remaining on the committee there after becoming pastor has been optional with him.

John W. Cathcart is the prosecuting officer of the county, to whom the sheriff of the county looks for prosecutions and aid in detective work. The amount of aid the prosecuting department has been getting from the police may be imagined from the fact that it has been putting its spies on him,—to do dirty politics against him? The Board of Supervisors had better give Iaukea another investigation on this.

Political

The political situation is today full of knifing rumors. It is thought that many of them are spread by the industrious and wily Achi, with a view to disrupting the Republican campaign. Anyhow it is reported that Kulo and Lane are knifing Wise, that Archie Mahaulu, bosom friend of Kulo, is out for Long, and all sorts of internal party knocking schemes are being attributed to the Republicans. The candidates, with one accord, proclaim themselves solid in supporting one another and the whole ticket, but some very active spreading of knifing rumors is being done.

In the general opinion, Achi stock has gone up pretty much recently. A story to the detriment of Lane, which is understood to have been used in Civic Federation councils to prevent his endorsement, is getting around town today, and is evidently going to be used among Hawaiians. The Federation action was a boost to Achi stock, and Achi was feeling happy today.

Achi said this morning that Lane was knifing Wise, and that the latter ought to come out openly and respond with a request to his friends not to vote for Lane.

Yesterday the Republican candidates went to Waimanalo to hold a meeting. They found the voters all gone. "The Democrats had put up a lot of cheap wine and prepared a luau and took all the people away," said one of the candidates. "It may have been a smart trick to deprive the Republicans of their audience, but it was a booze campaign and won't work."

Kuhio's fight looks stronger every day now. Whether McDiess promised 100 acres each to natives on Hawaii or not, there is no longer any question that some of them understood him as doing so. When he denied the promise here, the Republicans promptly wirelessly the denial, and they think it will have good effect for Kuhio.

The omission of the name of E. A. C. Long from the list of Representative candidates endorsed by the Civic Federation, as published yesterday, caused a good deal of talk. It was learned today, however, that Long was endorsed without question, the dropping of his name having been an error.

The reported offer of a bet of \$100 on Achi for mayor was made this morning. Achi is quoted to say that Lane is going to be third. Republicans cannot see it that way, but admit that if the contest is close, the Civic Fed's little vote withdrawn from Lane may give the job to Achi or Fern.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

Rousing meetings were those of the Republicans held at Kewalo and Kalia Camp on Saturday evening.

Delegate Kalamianole, John C. Lane, E. A. Douthitt and John W. Cathcart delivered addresses that featured the meetings. At Kalia especially Mr. Cathcart was enthusiastically received.

John A. Hughes and W. T. Rawlins were among the leading speakers at Kalia. The nominees all had a very cordial reception there. Some were warmly applauded in the midst of their speeches as well as at their closing. There was a triumphant note given forth, based on encouraging reports from different precincts of city and county.

At Kewalo the crowd held out longer than the candidates, some of the latter having gone home in despair of being reached as the night advanced. Others who held out contented themselves with a few words just to make themselves known to the voters assembled.

After the last candidate present at the finish had spoken, the audience still holding on was favored with a rattling speech by Bernard Kelekolio, the Hawaiian interpreter.

THE DEMOCRATS.
The Democrats had a meeting at Pearl City on Saturday evening. All of the nominees went down, there being a special round trip train. Seventeen spellbinders did all but wake the dead in Candidate Moore's cemetery alongside the place of meeting.

A dainty miss decorated the speakers with leis. On coming to Deacon Trent she was rewarded with a kiss.

A wireless to the Hawaii Herald from Honolulu published in Hilo last Friday said "There is a growing belief that John Lane is being slashed and that Achi will be elected mayor." Adding to this the Herald said: "In yesterday's Herald the prediction was made by Charles Notley, Home Rule candidate for delegate, that Achi would be elected the first mayor of Honolulu."

THE WAIMANALO MEETING.
A tally-ho loaded with good Repub-

SATAN DETHRONED

By Will Sabin.

Full many a crime is done to stay unknown,
Though Tisers howl, and, feebly, news pursue;
And yet, methinks, if Cathcart would but own
To all he ever did and ever knew—

The Saturnalia of this sorry sphere
Would pass in fearful Civic Fed review,
And even Walter G. would squeeze a tear
To think he'd missed the things that Cathcart knew.

Even more awful than a Colburn saint
Approached by fiery fiend in demon Cathcart form;
Even more fearful than an angel Abe,
Whose last name's Humphreys, tempted to inform—

Even more horrid—please excuse these tears—
Than being poor in spite of chance to steal,
Are Cathcart crimes committed in past years,
The which, sweet public, I will here and now reveal.

Rememberest thou that Eden garden, where,
A gent and lady, Eve and Adam, they,
Did pinch a pipkin that a tree did bear,
And with its luscious fruitage get away?

Well, Cathcart is the chap who was to blame,
Advice he gave which caused our parent's fall,
And when, beyond the gate, a sword of flame
Sprang up—'twas Cathcart's deadly doing after all.

When noble Caesar fell in sanguine flood,
'Twas Cathcart and not Brutus slung the knife
And dipped his pen in mighty Caesar's blood
To write a billet d'ux to Caesar's wife.

Hid in Oahu's vales, if truth were known,
Are tokens terrible of John Cathcart's crimes;
In caves are human skeletons, bone on bone,
That mark the relics of his jolly times.

He ran with Jesse James and Captain Kidd,
With Frankenstein he used to play at school—
I can't remember all that Cathcart did,
Yet every villain was but Cathcart's tool.

And when that awful trump some day shall sound,
To bid the sheep and goats to separate—
Behold! Unique! John Cathcart will be found
Enthroned where once great Satan sat in state.

The Board of Registration will meet at the capitol on Nov. 2 from 9 to 12 o'clock and 1 to 4 p. m. for the purpose of receiving applications for Registration under Act 78 Session Laws of 1907.

Illegals journeyed to Waimanalo yesterday and return, leaving town about 9:40 and getting home about 9 o'clock. Waimanalo was reached at 2 o'clock and Manager Chalmers of the plantation greeted all hands right cordially. A luau was spread and some good speeches were made. John Wise, John Lane, Daniel Logan, John Kama-noulu, E. W. Quinn, A. D. Castro, J. C. Cohen and James Bicknell being among those who pleased the voters and their families gathered to enjoy the occasion. John Kaaha introduced the speakers and acted as chairman.

The ride was delightful and the only rain was of a few moments' duration at the Fall on the return, where it was so dark that Bernard Kelekolio was obliged to remove his coat and reveal his white shirt to act as a guiding star to the six-horse team. There was much enthusiasm to windward. Several automobiles were included in the caravan—Governor's Secretary McBride and newspaper men also made the trip.

THE IRON WORKERS.
Norman Watkins, J. C. Quinn and John C. Lane were the speakers at a meeting at Honolulu Iron Works at noon today.

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